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Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

This is in response to the July 27, 2006 Office Action in which an election of species has been required.

Applicant elects Species I, as identified by the Examiner, to which claims 1-13, 15-28 and 40-44 are directed.

An early and favorable on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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